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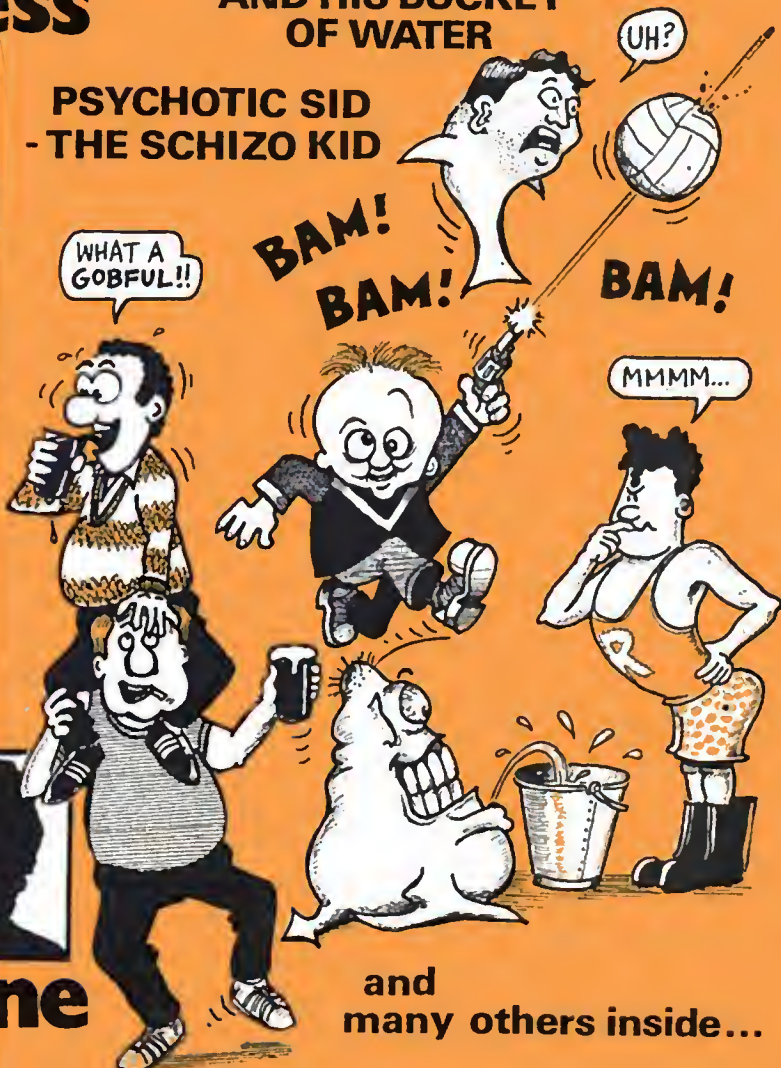


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ELTON IN HAMSTER SEX ROMP POSSIBILITY

- claims 'Mr. X'



Elton John seen quite near a pet shop.

A London pet shop owner has revealed exclusively how he may possibly have been asked to supply innocent animals for sordid sex and drug orgies at the swish country mansion of rock superstar Elton John.

Millionaire Elton, 39, has recently denied allegations that he was involved in raunchy bondage sessions with so called 'rent boys'. But the pet shop owner, who we will refer to as 'Stephen X', has told us that a man calling himself John rang his West End shop and asked about the availability of several animals.

**Another
WAPPING
great load
of crap**

MILLIONAIRE

"I immediately thought that this might be Elton John, the millionaire rock superstar whom I have seen many times on television", Stephen told us.

BIZZARE

The bizarre requests for animals include:

- Hamsters
- Guinea Pigs
- Gerbils

"He also asked about Koala Bears but I told him we didn't have any", said Stephen. "He seemed disappointed and hung up".

SEX

"Not long after he'd put the phone down it occurred to me that the animals may have been required for sordid sex and drug sessions", Stephen told us.

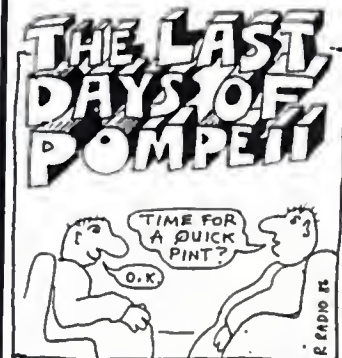
Security Staff at London's

Regents Park Zoo are today keeping their eyes peeled for anyone answering to the millionaire pop football chairman's description after we tipped them off that the gruesome hunt for innocent

animals could soon switch to the Zoo.

DOGS

A spokesman for the RSPCA warned members of the public to keep their dogs on a lead. "Never give pets as Christmas presents" he added.



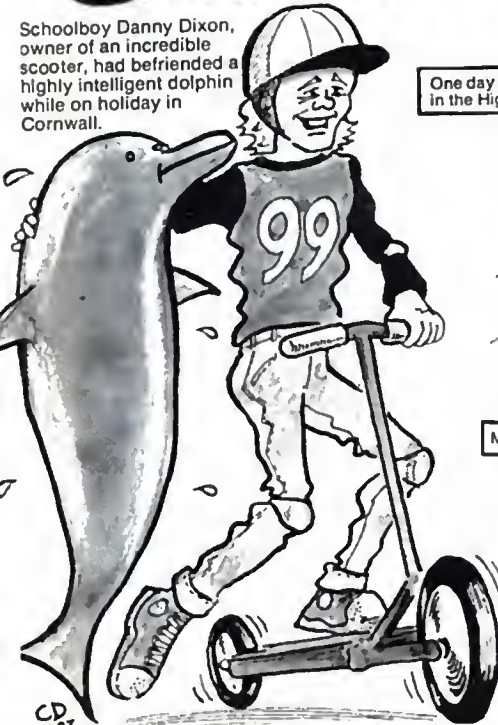
**VICTOR
THE
STUPID
TWATT**



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Scooter-Dolphin Boy

Schoolboy Danny Dixon, owner of an incredible scooter, had befriended a highly intelligent dolphin while on holiday in Cornwall.



One day Danny was on an errand to the bank in the High Street ...



Meanwhile inside the bank ...



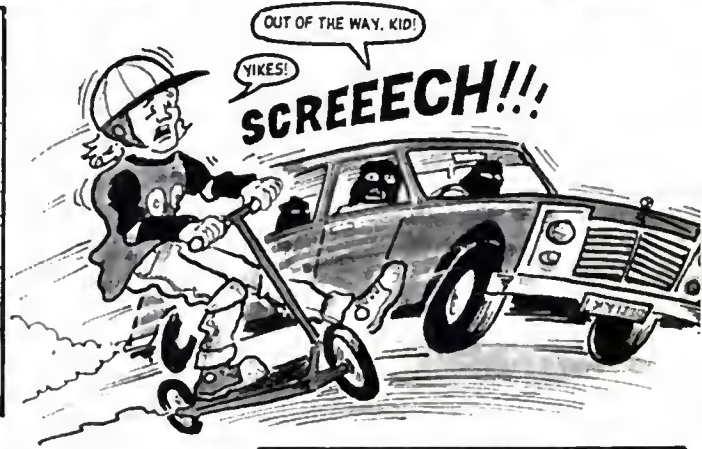
Seconds later ...



OUT OF THE WAY, KID!

YIKES!

SCREEECH!!!



CRUMBS! WHAT A RECKLESS DRIVER!

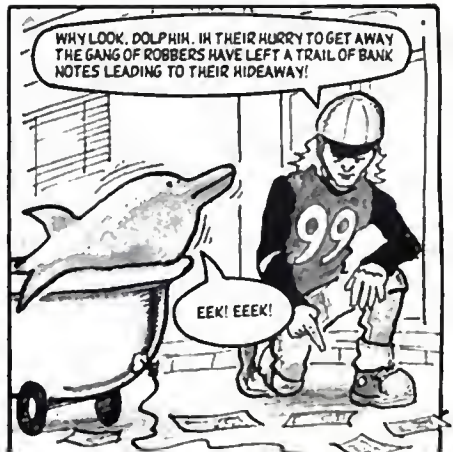
THOSE MEN ... THEY'VE JUST ROBBED THE BANK!



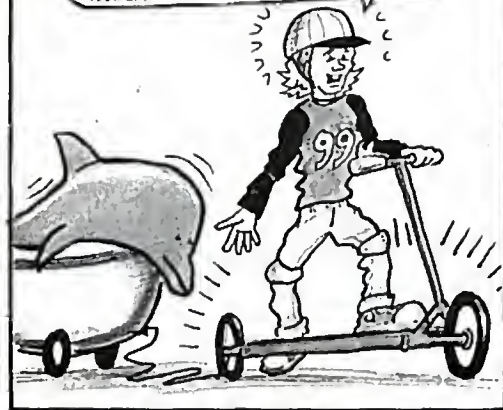
YES! THAT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY THEY WERE DRIVING SO FAST.



WHY LOOK, DOLPHIN. IN THEIR HURRY TO GET AWAY THE GANG OF ROBBERS HAVE LEFT A TRAIL OF BANK NOTES LEADING TO THEIR HIDEAWAY!



USING MY INCREDIBLE SCOOTER I CAN FOLLOW THE TRAIL AT HIGH SPEED AND CATCH THEM RED HANDED!



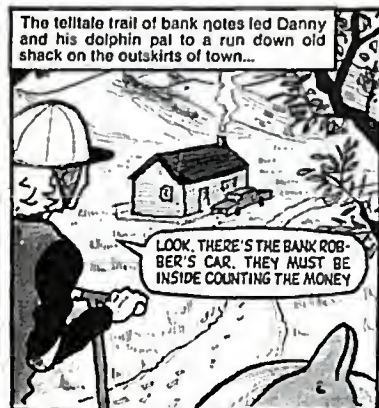
HADN'T WE BETTER CALL THE AUTHORITIES...?

EEEEK! EEEK!



DON'T WORRY MR. BANK MANAGER, WE'LL GET YOUR MONEY BACK FOR YOU. COME ON DOLPHIN!

The telltale trail of bank notes led Danny and his dolphin pal to a run down old shack on the outskirts of town...



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EEEEK! EEEEEK!

Danny began his high speed approach ...



And like a rocket he headed for the ramp ...

PEDAL! PEDAL! PEDAL! PEDAL!

EEEEK! EEEK!



WOOOSH!!!



CRASH!



Later, in hospital ...

WHERE AM I? WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU CATCH THE ROBBERS?



THIS GENTLEMAN IS FROM THE R.S.P.C.A. HE'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT A DOLPHIN WHICH WAS FOUND DEAD AT THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT.



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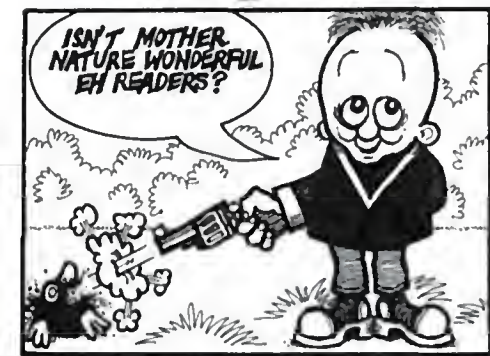
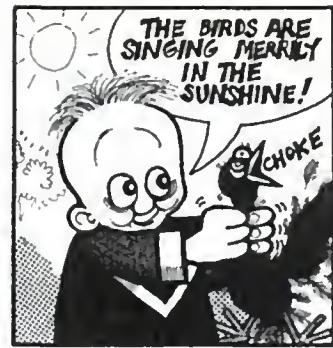
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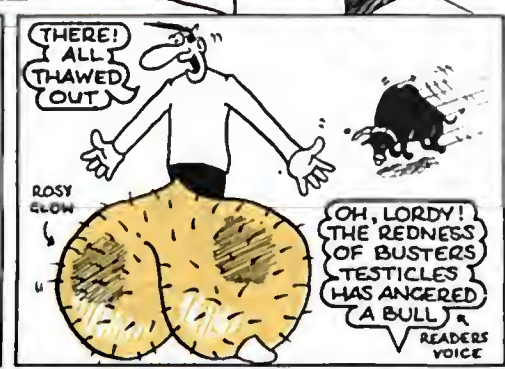


BUSTER GONAD

& HIS UNFEASIBLY LARGE TESTICLES

... DURING AN ELECTRICAL STORM BUSTER GONAD WAS STRUCK IN THE TESTICLES BY A METEORITE WHICH EMITTED STRANGE COSMIC RAYS.....

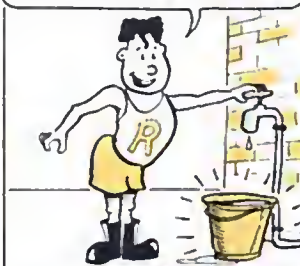
.... HIS TESTICLES GREW TO TITANIC PROPORTIONS & HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THEY NOW POSSESSED AWESOME & UNEXPLAINED POWERS ETC ETC



Raymond Porter

and his
BUCKET of WATER

EXCELLENT. MY BUCKET OF WATER IS FULL TO THE BRIM AND I'M ALL SET FOR AN EXCITING ADVENTURE.



IT'S AMAZING THE VARIETY OF HIGH JINX YOU CAN GET UP TO WITH A SIMPLE BUCKET OF WATER.



WAH! WE WANT TO GO TO THE SEASIDE BUT WE LIVE SO FAR INLAND THAT IT EXCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY



THERE WE ARE! MY BUCKET OF WATER IS AN IDEAL SEASIDE SIMULATOR!

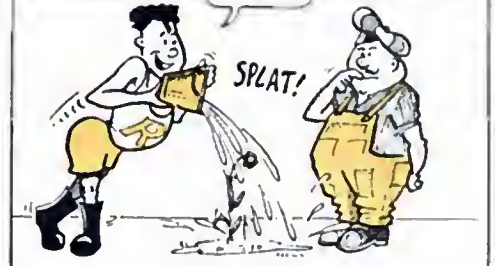


LATER

OH DEAR! MY FAVOURITE PLANT IS UNWELL. IF ONLY IT WOULD RAIN!



HERE! THE WATER FROM MY BUCKET, POURED ONTO YOUR PLANT, WILL HAVE THE SAME BENEFICIAL EFFECTS!



MARVELLOUS! I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH. AS A RICH ECCENTRIC, LET ME OFFER YOU FIFTY POUNDS FOR YOUR TROUBLE



UNFORTUNATELY, WITH HALF A PAGE STILL TO GO, MY BUCKET IS NOW EMPTY. AND IT'S PRANK POTENTIAL IS THEREFORE GREATLY REDUCED!



HOWEVER

EXCUSE ME! I AM IN URGENT NEED OF THE TOILET. CAN YOU HELP?



I MUST SAY, YOUR BUCKET PROVIDES AN INVALUABLE MAKESHIFT TOILET FACILITY!



SOON

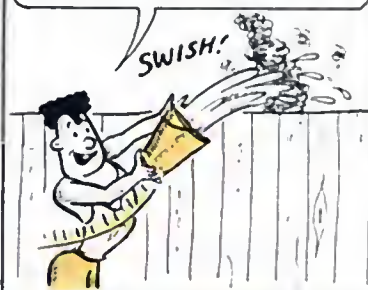
WELL BUCKET, IT'S BEEN A BUSY DAY!



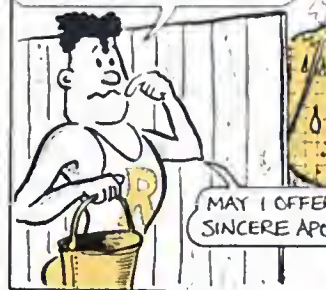
HELLO! SOMETHING IS ABLAZE BEHIND THIS FENCE!



THIS IS A JOB FOR MY BUCKET OF...



...URINE!! OH DEAR. I SEEM TO HAVE EXTINGUISHED THIS GENTLEMAN'S CIGARETTE



LUCKILY MY BUCKET ALSO MAKES A HANDY HELMET - MOST USEFUL ON THESE UNFORTUNATE OCCASIONS!



LM

Dear Lloyd

I am writing to tell you that I think LM is really great. When I opened the May issue I found a four page feature on Newcastle which was great apart from the naff bits about VIZ comic.

I'm really going to become an avid LM reader. It's got lots of news about things that I'm really interested in, and Richard Lowe always makes me giggle. I also think that Sue Dando is a very good writer, even though her column is sometimes very outrageous (my Mum has to hide my copy from me!)

Paul Strange is the best, him and Simon Poulter make a great team, and write in a way that anybody can understand - even if they do use bad language sometimes! My only gripe is that there is not enough football in it, after all football is still very popular, even if the attendances are dropping.

Never mind my moans, keep up the good work and carry on producing the best magazine in Britain. Well done LM!

Yours

Gaz Smith

Gaz Smith

PS All my mates think LM is crap.

**THE RAG'S
ON SALE ON
APRIL 16th.**

MOO



BILLY the FISH

TRAPPED INSIDE A FLOODING WEMBLEY STADIUM, FULCHESTER'S BRILLIANT 'FISH LIKE' GOALKEEPER BILLY THOMSON WAS UNAWARE THAT GUS PARKER, EVIL BOSS OF GRINTHORPE CITY, HAD BEEN APPOINTED MANAGER AT FULCHESTER STADIUM AFTER THE SHOCK DISMISSAL OF TOMMY BROWN, AND THAT PARKER, DETERMINED TO WRECK FULCHESTER'S CHANCES OF SUCCESS, HAD BEEN SELLING OFF THE CLUB'S BEST PLAYERS.

IN A NEARBY AIR-SEA RESCUE HELICOPTER

HEY LOOK! AN S.O.S. SIGNAL. IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S IN TROUBLE AT WEMBLEY STADIUM!

WHY IT'S BILLY THOMSON, THE BRILLIANT FULCHESTER NO. 1

BOY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!

OH NO! OH NO! THE WATER LEVEL IS RISING FAST. ANOTHER FEW INCHES AND IT COULD BE CURTAINS FOR ME... UNLESS I CAN JUST REACH THAT FLOODLIGHT.



CD 187

BUT BILLY WASN'T SO GLAD TO HEAR THAT HE, ALONG WITH THE ENTIRE FULCHESTER TEAM, HAD BEEN SOLD TO FOURTH DIVISION NO-HOPERS PEDDELOWORTH ALBION...

THE NEXT DAY

WELL, HERE WE ARE AT LOWLY PEDDELOWORTH PARK, OUR NEW HOME!

YES, NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF FULCHESTER STADIUM

WELCOME TO PEDDELOWORTH ALBION!

TOMMY BROWN - OUR FORMER FULCHESTER BOSS - SURELY YOU'RE NOT NOW IN CHARGE HERE AT PEDDELOWORTH ALBION?

MEET BROWN FOX, THE PEDDELOWORTH CAPTAIN. FROM NOW ON YOU'LL BE PLAYING ALONGSIDE HER.



YES, I GOT THE JOB THIS MORNING. WITH YOUR TALENT AND MY FOOTBALL BRAIN, WE'RE GOING TO PUT UNFASHIONABLE PEDDELOWORTH BACK ON THE FOOTBALL MAP!



ORPHANED IN A PLANE CRASH, SHE WAS RAISED IN THE JUNGLE BY A TRIBE OF FOOTBALLING INDIANS.



SHE'S GOT A USEFUL LEFT FOOT!

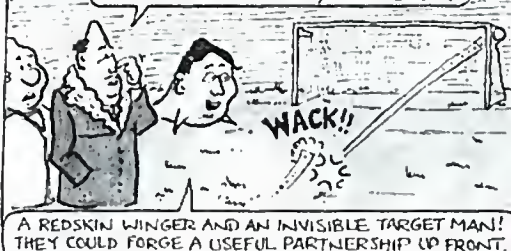
AND I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET... OOF!!

BOP!



SORRY BOSS!

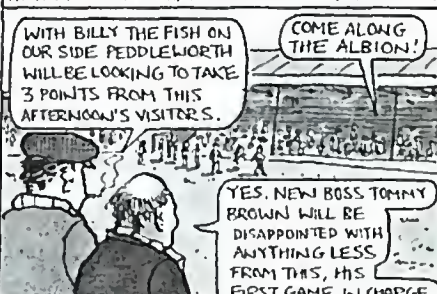
JOHNNY X, PEDDELOWORTH'S TOP SCORER, HE'S BEEN INVISIBLE SINCE A CHILDHOOD LABORATORY ACCIDENT IN WHICH HIS FATHER, A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST, WAS KILLED.



WACK!!

A REDSKIN WINGER AND AN INVISIBLE TARGET MAN! THEY COULD FORGE A USEFUL PARTNERSHIP UP FRONT.

BILLY'S PEDDELOWORTH DEBUT CAME LATER THAT WEEK AT HOME TO UNFASHIONABLE BAGSLEY THISTLE.



WITH BILLY THE FISH ON OUR SIDE PEDDELOWORTH WILL BE LOOKING TO TAKE 3 POINTS FROM THIS AFTERNOON'S VISITORS.

COME ALONG THE ALBION!

YES, NEW BOSS TOMMY BROWN WILL BE DISAPPOINTED WITH ANYTHING LESS FROM THIS, HIS FIRST GAME IN CHARGE.

BUT ALL THE ACTION WAS IN THE OPPONENT'S GOALMOUTH



WHAT A RUN BY THE LARGE BREASTED REDSKIN WINGER!

AND WHAT A CROSS TOO!

OH YES THERE IS!

GOAL!!

BONK!

A CLINICAL FINISH FROM THE INVISIBLE STRIKER!

FITTY THERE'S NO-ONE AT THE FAR POST TO CONVERT IT!

THE NEXT DAY TOMMY BROWN IS CELEBRATING PEDDELOWORTH'S TEN-NIL VICTORY WHEN...



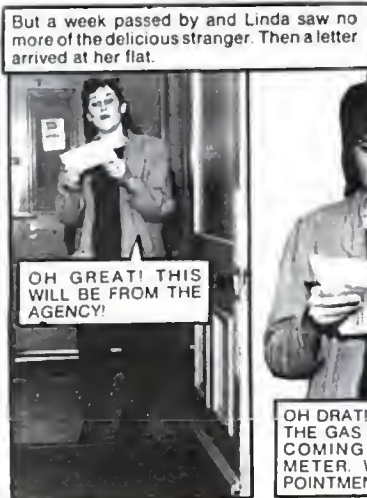
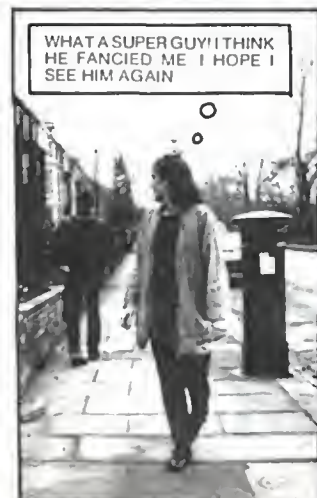
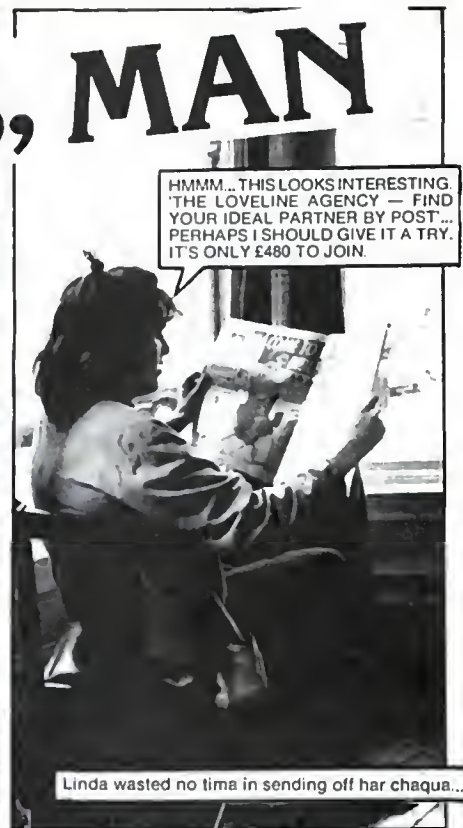
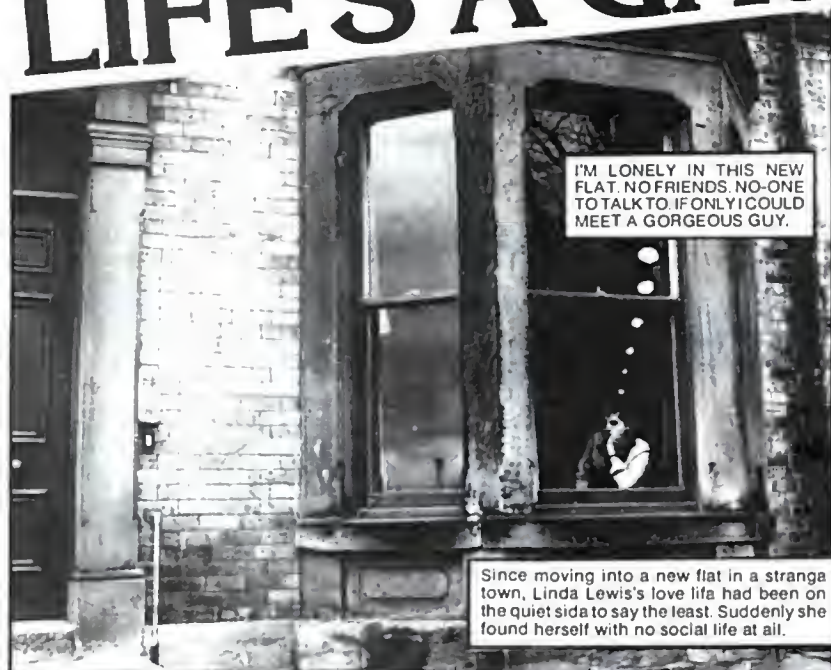
THAT WIN LIFTS US OFF THE BOTTOM OF THE TABLE TOMMY.

YES! BUT HAVE YOU SEEN THE FRONT PAGE?

SUNDAY SHITE!! BILLY THOMSON IS ON HEROIN!

IS BILLY ON HEROIN? DON'T MISS ISSUE 24!

LIFE'S A GAS, MAN



OH DRAT! IT'S JUST FROM THE GAS BOARD THEY'RE COMING TO READ THE METER. WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT!



HELLO. I'VE COME TO READ YOUR GAS METER

CRIKEY! IT'S HIM!



IS THIS IT HERE?

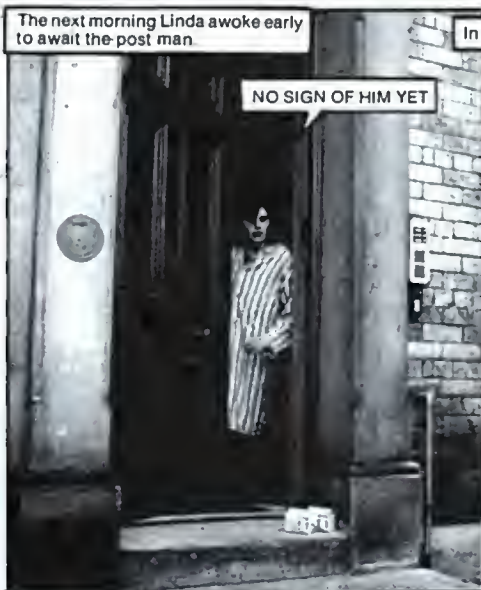
YES... ERM... WOULDN'T YOU LIKE A CUP OF TEA OR SOMETHING?



NO THANKS. MUST DASH. BYE



HE DIDN'T EVEN RECOGNISE ME! I'LL NEVER GET A BETTER CHANCE THAN THAT



The next morning Linda awoke early to await the post man.

NO SIGN OF HIM YET



In the hallway

WAITING FOR THE POST MAN?

UH? HOW DID YOU GET IN?



I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE GAS MAN!

I AM. BUT I ALSO LIVE HERE — UPSTAIRS. I'M YOUR NEIGHBOUR



I'M WAITING FOR A LETTER TOO. I WROTE AWAY TO THE LOVELINE DATING AGENCY. DO YOU REMEMBER — WE MET AT THE POST BOX.

WHAT A COINCIDENCE! I WAS WRITING TO THE AGENCY TOO!



MY NAME'S MIKE BY THE WAY

I'M LINDA

It turned out that they had both only recently moved to the area. Both had been lonely in their flats, and both had written to the agency in desperation

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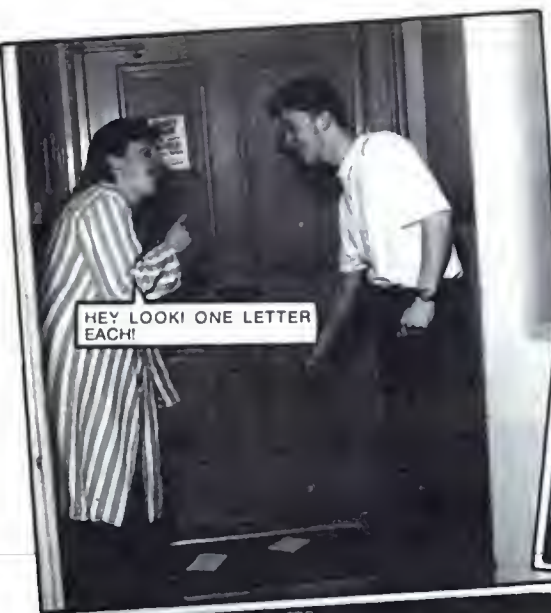
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HEY LOOK! ONE LETTER EACH!



MINE'S FROM THE DATING AGENCY

SO'S MINE! HOW EXCITING



IT SAYS THEY'VE FOUND MY IDEAL PARTNER...YOU!!



WELL MIKE, THERE'S A GOOD FILM ON AT THE CINEMA TONIGHT. FANCY IT?



NO THANKS LINDA. YOU SEE, TO BE QUITE HONEST I WAS HOPING TO MEET SOMEONE WITH BIGGER TITS



SORRY LOVE. WHY NOT WRITE TO THE AGENCY AGAIN, EH? I'LL SEE YOU AROUND

THE END

IS ELVIS PRESLEY THE LOCH NESS MONSTER

Is it a floating log? A freak wave? An undiscovered life form or perhaps something from another planet? Everyone has their own theory about the Loch Ness Monster.

But despite over 50 years of investigations into possibly the world's most famous mystery, no-one can say for sure exactly what lurks beneath the dark and murky waters of Scotland's largest loch.

FIGMENT

Many sceptics claim that 'Nessie' is nothing more than a figment of the imagination. But over 4,000 unexplained sightings on the loch have convinced many experts that something is lurking beneath the waves.

U-BOAT

One of the most popular theories among local fishermen who spend many hours each day out fishing the loch is that a German 'U' boat became trapped in the loch during the second world war and, unaware that the war is over, still surfaces occasionally to search for enemy shipping. Many recent sightings have resembled a slightly bent submarine periscope.

TOILETRIES

Critics argued that food and supplies on the vessel would by now have run out. But there is a never ending supply

By Bob Twatt

of fish in the loch, and many isolated villages nearby where submariners could go ashore and purchase toiletries and other basic supplies. An increasing number of Germans dressed as tourists have been seen in the area in recent years.

ELEPHANT

However most scientists now go along with the theory that the loch has for many years been home to large form of animal. But according to top biologists, visitors to the loch have nothing to fear. For they believe that the Loch Ness Monster could in fact be nothing more than a harmless elephant which escaped from Edinburgh Zoo in 1929.

FLIPPER

Hugh McGrath, now 89, former head keeper at the Zoo believes that the elephant could have developed flipper shaped feet to enable it to swim effortlessly beneath the water. And without doubt some of the most well known pictures taken of 'Nessie' bear an uncanny resemblance to an elephants trunk.



Elvis — born again?



Hugh McGrath - Elephant theory

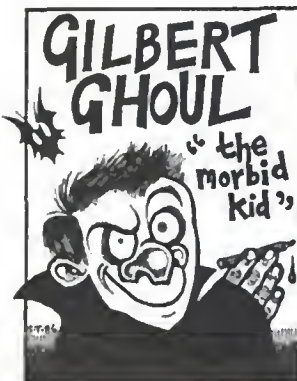
Using its trunk as a snorkel the elephant could stay under the water for long periods at a time, surfacing to feed on nearby trees and bushes during the night.

**Has the
'King'
returned
to Earth,
or is Nessie
simply an
elephant?**

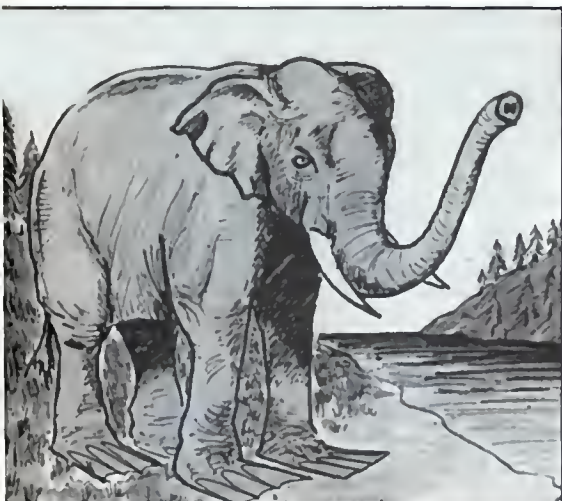
But perhaps the most fascinating explanation of all is that Elvis Presley, the late 'King' of Rock'n'Roll, has returned to Earth to haunt the loch in the form of a large, ungainly aquatic monster up to 45 feet in length.

FAN

This astonishing Elvis re-incarnation theory was first put forward by Archie Gubbins, a life long Elvis fan who first began to investigate the loch while on holiday in Scotland in 1983. On a subsequent visit, using advanced sound equipment, Archie was able to play



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gh McGrath's vision of an underwater elephant. Scientists believe that
s could be the real 'Nessie'.

Win a fabulous camera!

Over the years thousands of photographers, professionals and amateurs alike have spent hours sitting on the shores of Loch Ness hoping to get the one picture that would prove the monster really exists.

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- Captured alive
- At least 45 feet in length
- A species of animal previously unknown to mankind

tapes of Presley's greatest hits including 'Blue Suede Shoes' and 'Are You Lonesome Tonight', through speakers lowered 200 feet below the surface of the loch.

EYEBROWS

The results of his investigations would have raised eyebrows among even his strongest critics had they not been lost when his boat sank, taking with it all his equipment. But despite this setback, Gubbins is quick to point out that existing evidence supports his theory.

ELVIS

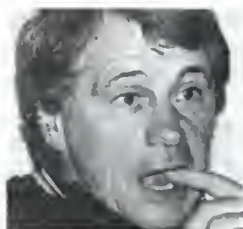
"In his former life Elvis was quite a good swimmer, and I have it on good authority that he did on one occasion mention to a friend that he would one day like to visit Scotland."

ELEPHANT

Elephant or Elvis? Perhaps we'll never know. For the time being at least Nessie's secret is safe, deep down below the waters of Loch Ness.

How do the stars explain the Loch Ness monster?

We decided to ask a few famous faces how they would explain the mystery of the Loch Ness Monster. And here is what they said.



England manager **BOBBY ROBSON** took time off from a training session to tell us that Nessie may simply be a seal. "Either that or a giant eel of some sort", said the England Boss.



Pop singer **BOY GEORGE** who's single 'Everything I Own' is currently riding high in the charts, believes that Nessie may be a plesiosaur — a large, long necked aquatic dinosaur thought to have been extinct for over a million years. "It is possible that the species may have survived in Loch Ness undiscovered by man", says George.

LESLIE GRANTHAM, star of TV's Eastenders admitted to being completely baffled. "I haven't given it a great deal of thought", said Leslie, better known to millions of TV viewers as 'Dirty Den', landlord of the Queen Vic



Do you have a theory about the Loch Ness Monster? If so why not send it to: The person in charge of Loch Ness Monster theories, The British Museum, London.

OUTRAGEOUSLY OFFENSIVE CARTOONS
present:

SID

THE SEXIST

SO SID NEARLY LOST HIS MARRIAGE
FURNITURE THEN EH?



AYE! I HEARD THEY WERE GUNNA
WHIP OFF HIS MEAT 'N' TWO VEG!

SID ARRIVES... (HOW SID! THIS IS BAZ, HE'S A
REAL SMOOTH-TALKER! HEY MAN,
HE CANNOT BEAT OFF THE WOMEN
WITH A SHITTY-STICK!)



HO! HO! HO! HOW BAZ!

I HEAR YOU'VE HAD SOME WOMAN
PROBLEMS SYDNEY!



WHY AYE!
NEARLY LOST ME WEDDING TACKLE MAN!

AYE BUT Y'SEE THE NORSE WAS
OWNLY HAVIN' US ON, PULLIN' ME
PLONKER LIKE!



I WOULDN'T MIND A BIT OF THAT!



A NORSE PULLIN' ME
PLONKER!
HEH! HEH! HEH!
Y'FUCKIN' DAFT GET!

I TELL Y'WHAT Y'NEED SID, SOME
FUCKIN' STINGING CHAT-UP LINES!



OH AYE?
YOU'VE GORRA SOUND POSH MAN...

TRY THIS ONE... HOW PET,
WILL THE KEYS TO MY
AIRPORT FIT IN YOUR KNICKERS?



OR HOW ABOUT...

I HAVEN'T GOT MUCH PET,
BUT IT'LL FILL A PRAM!



I DIVVENT KNAA ABOUT THAT,
I'D FEEL LIKE A BIT OF A
MERCHANT Y'KNAA?

AYE, AAL REET, I'LL HAVE A GO!
ANY SPARE BUSH AROOND?



COP THAT'N LADS! I BET SHE GANS LIKE
THE CLAPPAZ EH?!



SHE LOOKS WELL DORTY! I'LL HAVE A GAN...

HOW PET, ERM... WILL ME PRAM FIT...
ERM... HAVE YOU GOT ANY KEYS IN YOUR
KNICKERS... ERM...



WHAT?

HOW MAN HINNY, DYU BANG LIKE A
FUCKIN' SHITHOOSE DOOR IN THE
WIND OR WHAT?!



I'M SORRY?

SID MAN, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO
SOUND POSH, TRY A FANCY ONE
ON HER!



WELL PET, ERM... WHAT I'M SAYIN' IS, ERM, I
WOULD LIKE TO STORM THE GATES OF YOUR LOVE
PALACE WITH MY PURPLE BATTERING RAM!



SORRY LOVE, I THOUGHT YOU WERE AFTER A SHAG!
NEXT ISSUE: SID GOES TO BED WITH A NAUGHTY LADY!

GOOD NEWS for vegetables!

Unfortunately profits from this issue's Top Ten pop chart show a 50% decrease on our last issue, with a poor turn-out of only nine artists. In the light of these disappointing results, and with little or no prospect of an improvement in the future, we have come to the unavoidable decision that the Top Ten Chart will have to close down, with immediate effect.

Sadly, The FAMOUS POTATOES will therefore be out last number one group, adding their names to a list which has included several others. Both THERAPY and THE LOVE KNOTS make their second and final appearances. Notable efforts were made by SCHNIEDER & RAY and by the legendary CARLTON B. MORGAN whose single 'The Supernormals Sing ...' was once described as "unlistenable crap" by New Musical Express.

In place of the Top Ten, we've decided to launch a new free-to-enter chart which is open to all our readers. In every issue we'll feature a different Top Ten, encompassing a variety of interesting subjects. To start with, in our next issue, we'll be bringing you a chart of Britain's Top Ten vegetables. And we want you, the readers, to send in your votes.

You can vote for as many vegetables as you like — turnips, carrots or cauliflowers — simply write your three top vegetables, in order of merit, on a postcard together with your own names and address, and send it to Viz Vegetable Top Ten, Viz Comic, 16 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP. There'll be random prizes sent to senders of half-a-dozen vegetable votes. Look out for the Vegetable count down in our next issue.

STONES SPLIT - who will win Jagger's crown?

In the wake of Mick Jagger's shock announcement that he will never appear on stage again with The Rolling Stones, angry guitarist Keith Richards has begun a search for a new singer to take over Jagger's crown.

And despite rumours that former Who front man Roger Daltrey is top of Richards' wanted list, we can reveal exclusively that a surprise outsider could be a leading contender for the job.

JUMP

For TV comedy straight man **ERNIE WISE**, 56, is the name, being bandied about by the four remaining group members, and close friends believe that Wise would jump at the opportunity to step into Jagger's shoes.

With many years of stage experience behind him, Wise has largely been restricted to TV game show appearances since the sad death of his long time partner and funny man Eric Morecambe. Indeed, some of their best loved routines included song and dance numbers, and this has not gone un-noticed in the Stones' camp.

HOT

But the competition will be hot for this, the most sought after vacancy in Rock'n'Roll.



The Famous Potatoes — more vegetables to follow.

The Viz TOP 10

- | | |
|----|--|
| 1 | THE FAMOUS POTATOES £10.05
The Sound Of The Ground (Waterfront) |
| 2 | SCHNIEDER AND RAY £10.00
Any Girl's Name (Terminal Curry) |
| 3 | THE LOVE KNOTS £7.82
The Sands of Time E.P. (Thornley Taxis) |
| 4 | CARLTON B. MORGAN £6.66
The Supernormals Sing ... (Tim Records) |
| 5 | THE VAYNES £5.50
Mr Fixit (Vanity Records) |
| 6 | THE MACC LADS £3.30
BEER & SEX & CHIPS 'n' GRAVY (F.M.) |
| 7 | IAN SMITH 'THE VAGABOND KING' £1.83
Golden Grates (Cold Harbour) |
| 8 | THERAPY 50p
Bloody Amazing, Grace (Blimey!) |
| 9 | ROB HURTT 10p
The Light Has Gone (TC RH 001) |
| 10 | |



Ernie Wise on stage — performing live with The Beatles.

Among the contenders will be **BOY GEORGE**, who's group Culture Club only recently split, and **DAVID CASSIDY** who is keen to return to the recording business after a string of hits in the early seventies. Other names being mentioned include **DON JOHNSON**,

singing star of TV's Miami Vice, and TV newsreader **JAN LEAMING**. Meanwhile the bookies favourite remains **ROGER DALTREY** at 5 to 1 with former James Bond star **SEAN CONNERY** also in the betting. A decision is expected by the summer.

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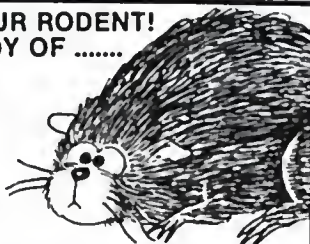
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POTATO BULB WAS A BRIGHT IDEA!

STAR ★ LETTER

Whilst replacing a broken light bulb I accidentally mistook a large potato for the new bulb and pushed it into the socket.

Although the potato is by no means as good a source of light as my old lamp bulb, it is a great electricity saver and makes a useful conversation piece whenever I have friends round for coffee.

Mrs. B. Durks
Essex

I recently purchased a brand new 'colour' television set for £379. The price of a similar black and white model was only £145. When I got home I was amazed to find that by a simple adjustment of the 'colour' control the picture was instantly converted to black and white!

What a con. These T.V. show-rooms simply re-tune their black and white sets to colour, in order to make more money.

M. Gardner
South Wirral

Scandal of supermarket bread prices

At our local supermarket a loaf of uncut bread cost 34p — five pence cheaper than a sliced loaf.

What they don't tell you is that it costs another £5.25 to buy a bread knife to cut the loaf with.

Mrs. E. Forcett
Birkenhead

Has anything happened to you recently which is in any way amusing? Perhaps a light hearted incident has occurred at your local supermarket, or a senile member of your family has done something which raised a smile. Or perhaps something annoys you or strikes you as being unfair. Whatever the reason, send your letters to: Letterbox, Viz Comic, 16 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE22SP. There's an undisclosed prize for every letter we print.

I am increasingly fed up with British Rail. On a recent journey I spent over three hours trying to find the buffet, only to be told that there wasn't a buffet car on the train. By this time I had missed my stop, and was forced to pay £140 for a taxi home.

G. Hamilton
Cheshire

Thatcher's foreign job scandal

At a time when there is so much unemployment, why does Mrs Thatcher have a foreign secretary when there are thousands of well qualified British secretaries on the dole?

I don't know where Mr. Howe comes from, but like most foreigners he is both lazy and stupid. I cannot believe that he would be any good at taking Mrs Thatcher's phone messages, opening her mail or making coffee etc. And I know for a fact that he has no typing qualifications.

So why does the Prime Minister still employ him? It's not as if he's even got any sex appeal. Come on Mrs. T. — give the job to a British girl!

Mike Foster
Twickenham

in's brightest, bumbliest, brothiest letters page!

Who says bulk buying saves money? On my weekly trip to the supermarket I decided to buy the 'Extra large economy size' of my usual washing powder. Arriving home, I realised that I had left my powder on the bus. Clearly it would have been more economical to lose my usual size powder.

For how much longer are consumers going to be conned this way?

Mr. P. Ions
Luton

Open plan mix-up

The other day whilst enjoying a few drinks with a friend, he suggested I follow his example and knock two rooms into one in my house. I agreed that the "open plan" look would be most desirable and immediately went home to make a start. However, after sawing through the joists in an upstairs bedroom the floor collapsed onto my family in the room below.

After the ambulance had taken my wife and children to hospital, my friend called round and told me that it was a wall I should have knocked down, not the ceiling! Luckily we both saw the funny side and went out for another drink.

D. Brown
Inverurie

"What's the difference between a fish finger and an ice cream?" my 4 year old daughter asked recently. "I don't know", I answered.

"Then you're not very intelligent are you" she replied.

Mrs. B. Liar
Wilts

Dotty Dad's late night cigarette mix-up

My 65 year old father-in-law is a forgetful old soul and his antics can be quite amusing at times. He recently went round to the off license to buy cigarettes and a bottle of whisky. Imagine our surprise when he returned at 3'o'clock in the morning with a lorry load of whisky and 40,000 cigarettes. The shop had been closed when he got there and he had accidentally left without paying.

Unfortunately the police have failed to see the funny side and have charged him with burglary and theft. You'd think that the authorities could show a little more compassion and understanding, as a court case could be quite distressing for a man of his age.

Mrs. Ivy Patterson
St. Andrews

Shop girl's watch cheese mix-up

"How much is that?" I asked the shop assistant, pointing to a small piece of cheese in the display cabinet.

"Sixty nine pounds", she replied. I was flabbergasted, until I realised her mistake. She thought I had been pointing to a display of solid gold wrist watches which had been placed nearby.

Mrs. I. Benson
Droitwich

My teenage son has recently taken to going out for a 'drink' in the evenings. He certainly enjoys himself, always returning unsteady on his feet, slurring his speech and wearing a grin a mile wide.

After one recent 'night out' as he calls them, we found him lying unconscious, trousers soiled, on our doorstep. I sometimes wonder what the 'young generation' will get up to next!

Mrs. H. Middleton
Felixtowe

Who said cats have nine lives? It only took one sharp blow with a mallet to send my little 'Tiddles' to that great feline graveyard in the sky.

Edna Fowcett
Birkenhead

TV's Tom is tops on telly

Isn't it about time they put Tom O'Connor on the Nine O'Clock News? I'm sure he would come up with some happier headlines than our current batch of so-called news readers. Their news is always so dreary.

Belinda Spencer
Bolton

Isn't it time that Jimmy Hill's vast and comprehensive knowledge of football was recognised by the Queen. For his unbiased, informative and interesting views on the game he surely deserves a place in the next honours list.

Mrs. M. Beal
Stroud

I THINK IT'S TIME FOR
YOUR BATH DEAREST!



While reading through a recent copy of your magazine my wife and I were annoyed to find that every single letter on the letters page ended up with the sentence 'luckily we saw the funny side'. I visited my local newsgroup to complain, only to be punched squarely in the face.

Luckily we both saw the funny side, and my wife and I have now renewed our subscriptions.

Mr. G. Dury
Nottingham

READERS' TopTIPS

Girls! I find that an old cornflakes packet is an ideal way to put fashionable padded shoulders on your blouse.

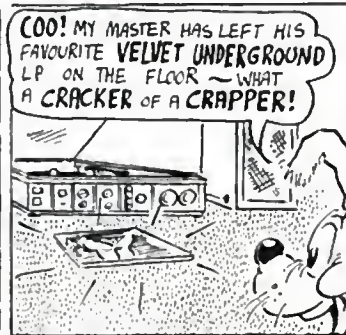
Mrs. F. Kitching
Southampton

Rather than carry bulky shopping bags around with me or pay for expensive carrier bags, I always eat my groceries at the checkout. Not only does this save pounds on carriers, but it has also reduced my gas bill.

Mrs. Anne Brookes
Warrington

Readers with old or perished hot water bottles may, after filling, like to leave the problem bottle in the sink or bath and so reduce the risk of damp bedclothes.

Mr. P. Jopling
Bracknell



In the next issue...

THE RETURN OF
**TERRY
FUCKWITT**



HONESTLY, I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT THE
FUCK I'M
DOING!

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You can tell by the way a guy eats that everday snack exactly what he's really like. Here are some crisp eating types to be on the lookout for:

THE NIBBLER — eats his crisps slowly, nibbling around the edges like a mouse. This guy is shy and sensitive, but he probably won't have much money to take you out with.

THE WOLFER — eats his crisps without mercy, attacking them and taking no prisoners. He often eats a whole packet without stopping for breath. A heartless brute who cares little for friends or even his own mother.

THE TIME WASTER — can't decide whether he's eating or talking, he sometimes holds one crisp out of the bag while speaking. This guy is obviously a real bore, and not prepared to show his true feelings.

THE HOGGER — keeps every crisp to himself, related in many ways to the wolfer. Sometimes he tears the bag open to reach the very last crumbs. This guy is full of passion. He's eccentric, but adorable. Hang on to him!

Give him the test

Of course the way he eats his crisps isn't everything. There's more to be found out about your fella in the flavours and snack variations which he goes for. Find out about **YOUR** man by answering the following questions A, B or C.

1. You're at a disco and you tell him you fancy some crisps, but you don't say which flavour. Does he buy you:

- a. Ready salted
- b. Pickled onion flavour
- c. A fancy potato snack in interesting shapes and a colourful packet.

2. You're going for a quiet picnic in the countryside. You have prepared some cucumber sandwiches and pate with posh wafer biscuits. You ask him to nip out for some crisps to take along. Which would he get:

- a. Bovril flavour
- b. Salt'n'Shake
- c. Tandoori flavour

3. He's throwing a party at his place and is arranging a buffet. Which of these snacks would he provide with his saucy dips?

- a. Sausage'n'onion flavoured crisps.
- b. Tortilla chips
- c. A giant six-pack of Monster Munch.

4. You've just got time for a quick snack on the bus and you have chosen a bag of Prawn Cocktail bites. What does your fella have?

- a. Worcester Sauce crisps
- b. Spicy corn Space Invaders
- c. A family size bag of Quavers

FACT FILE



with Dr Boris Fäckt

Despite inventing the gramophone record in 1877, Thomas Edison died in 1931 never having had a hit record.

★★★★

Any pop fan entering a police station by mistake and asking for a record will probably be given a list of crimes of which an accused person has already been convicted! That's because the word 'record' has several different meanings.

★★★★

Prices can often differ widely in many parts of Britain due to what is called the 'North South Divide'. For instance, a pound of fresh prawns may cost the housewife as little as £1.50 in parts of Scotland, whilst in London a terrace house can cost an incredible £250,000.

★★★★

"Yellow Submarine" was not a submarine at all. It was the name of a hit record for The Beatles in 1966.

How does he measure up?

1. **READY SALTED (A)** are the sign of a real bore. He's got no imagination or style. A **SILLY FANCY SNACK (C)** shows he's a big head, so the guy who buys you **PICKLED ONION (B)** is the real dish!

2. **TANDOORI** crisps are **NOT ON** for a traditional picnic, so any guy who buys them should get the 'Big E'. **BOVRIL (A)** says he's no Romeo and is probably a compulsive thief. Keep an eye on your purse. The guy who brings back **SALT'N'SHAKE (B)** is a true romantic. Ooh la la!

3. **SAUSAGE AND ONION** crisps (A) are a sure sign of a trouble maker. He deserves a slap in the face! The **MONSTER MUNCH** man (C) doesn't have much taste and probably has difficulty coping with everyday social situations. But if you beau's for **TORTILLA CHIPS (B)**, he's suave and sophisticated. Give that man a coconut!

4. A family size bag of **QUAVERS (C)** and you know your fella cares for nobody but himself. **WORCESTER SAUCE (A)** and you'd better beware — he may have some form of hereditary disease. **Spicy-corn SPACE INVADERS (B)** show all the imagination of a big hearted dreamboat. This man has good looks and flare and also enough money to take you out to the very best expensive restaurants.

MISSION FAIRLY AWKWARD

by
Nicholas
Schwab

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RESCUE HIS WIFE - DISMANTLE THE FORTRESS AND REBUILD IT 500 MILES AWAY!

YOU HAVE 24 HOURS TO COMPLETE THIS MISSION - THIS TAPE WILL SELF-DESTRUCT IN FIVE SECONDS...

...THAT WILL MEAN WORKING ON THURSDAY - I'VE GOT THE CAR BOOKED IN FOR ITS TEST ON THURSDAY!

...ACTUALLY THAT'S MY MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY AND I SAID I WOULD BE THERE!

GOOD GRIEF! I ALMOST FORGOT - I'VE GOT TWO LIBRARY BOOKS WHICH HAVE TO BE BACK BY THURSDAY!

YOU KNOW - IT WOULD MEAN THAT I COULDN'T BABY-SIT FOR MY SISTER WHOSE GOING OUT ON THURSDAY!

HELLO? LOOK ABOUT THE MISSION - IT'S A BIT AWKWARD - IF IT HAD BEEN ANY OTHER DAY THAN THURSDAY...

JOHNNY PARP! oop! FARTANTS

THERE'S ALWAYS A COMMOTION GOING ON IN HIS UNDERWEAR!

HURRY UP WITH THAT POT OF TEA JOHNNY! THE VICAR WILL BE HERE SHORTLY!

OKAY MUM!

BAH! MUM'S GOT THE VICAR COMING ROUND FOR TEA, WHAT A BORE! FILLING THE KETTLE WITH CABBAGE-WATER SHOULD LIVEN UP THE PROCEEDINGS A LITTLE!

SHORTLY... MORE TEA VICAR?

QUACK!

COOPS!

PUMP - POTENT TEA

HO!HO!HO! NICE ONE VIC!

HEE!HEE! GET OUT AND WALK DONALD!

OUR SON APPEARS TO FIND BODILY FUNCTIONS RATHER AMUSING. JOHNNY, LEAVE THE ROOM!

HOW DARE YOU JOHNNY!? APOLOGISE TO THE VICAR!

BUT DAD, IT WAS THE VICAR WHO PUMPED!

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY VICAR!

CHUFF!

THAT'S OKAY JOHNNY, ACTUALLY I WANTED TO ASK A LITTLE FAVOUR OF YOU...

CRICKY O'RILEY! THERE WAS A BRUSSEL SPROUT ON THE END OF THAT ONE!

GHASTLY

WHIFF

OUR CHURCH ORGAN WHICH IS POWERED BY COMPRESSED AIR HAS BROKEN DOWN, COULD YOU USE YOUR GUFFING-GIFT TO INFLATE THE ORGAN'S BELLOWES FOR SUNDAY'S SERVICE?

I'D RATHER N...OUCH!

OF COURSE HE WILL VICAR!

SO, IN CHURCH... HAH! THEY EXPECT ME TO BE FULL OF FLUFFS BUT I'VE TAKEN A WHOLE TUBE OF THESE 'WINDBEATERS' 'COS I HATE SINGING IN CHURCH!

YONKS!

IT'S FULL! I MUST HAVE SWALLOWED MY DAD'S BALL-BEARINGS BY MISTAKE!

RUMBLE!

RUMBLE!

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT
RAT-TAT-TAT
KA-BOOM!

OH NO! I'VE ACCIDENTALLY SHOT DEAD ALL OF THE CHURCH CONGREGATION!

HOLD ON! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE WORLD?!

OH NO! MY PUMP MUST HAVE BEEN SO PHENOMINAL THAT I HAVE BROKEN THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM!

I'VE CAUSED A TIME-WARP!!

NEXT ISSUE: JOHNNY FINDS HIMSELF IN SAN-FRANCISCO!

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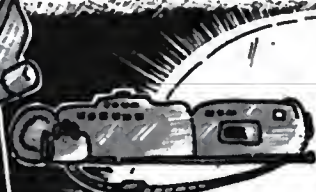
DR. KAGOUL

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... SOON MY MASTER PLAN WILL BE COMPLETED... AND THEN I, DR. KAGOUL, WILL HOLD ALL EARTHLINGS IN MY POWER.. AH... HA... HA... HAAH!



IS EVERYTHING IN READINESS FOR MY FINAL TRANSMISSION?

YES ALL IS READY... DR. KAGOUL, YOUR... HIGHNESS, LORD OVERALL....



I WILL ADDRESS MY WARRIORS BEFORE WE GO INTO GLORIOUS BATTLE



WE HAVE TRAVELLED FAR FROM OUR PLANET THERMOS..WE ARE INVINCIBLE!....WE ARE SHOWERPROOF... NOTHING CAN STOP US NOW... NOTHING!



HAIL YOUR MAJESTY



NEXT WEEK: PAK-A-MAK ATTACK!

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WHERE DOES
THIS ROAD
GO, VIC?



NOWHERE.
IT'S HERE
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BILLY BAR AND HIS INVISIBLE CAR



NOTHING COMING!
I'LL JUST CROSS
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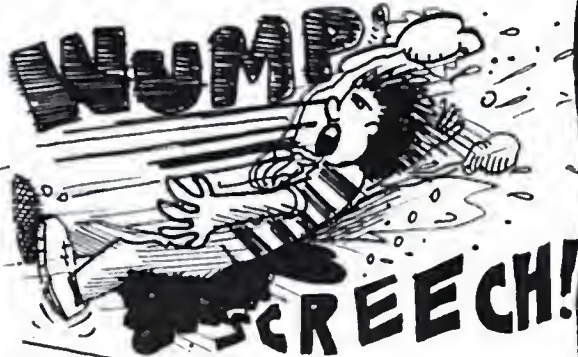
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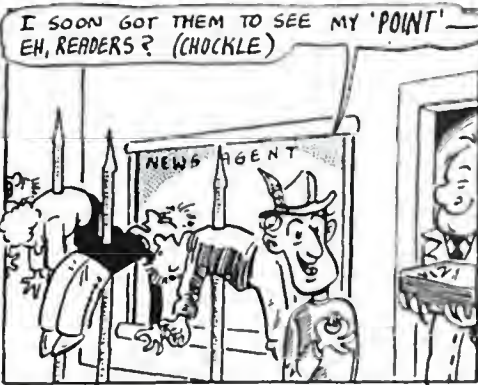
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SPOT the POT

Congratulations to the hundreds of readers who spent the last two months travelling the length and breadth of Britain in search of the mystery toilet pictured in issue 22.

Six readers successfully followed the trail as far as Land's End in Cornwall, but only one managed to locate the loo exactly. The urinal in question was of course in the main car park at Land's End, adjacent to the gift shop. And Luke Murray, of North Parade, Penzance, 'spotted the pot' and sent in the winning entry.

Luke, who wins 500 toilet rolls for his efforts, told us that he had actually met the plumber who installed the urinal. "It was put in by a Mr. Billington of Penzance", said Luke, a man who knows his toilets.

Providing he can get planning permission, Luke hopes to use his toilet rolls to build a mausoleum in his back garden. Meanwhile, congratulations are also due to the five unlucky runners-up who were Julie Scott of Plymouth, Mr. S. Cussons of Hartlepool, Sara Birkby of Newcastle, Jonathon Plunkett of Penzance, and David McCormick of Bishop Auckland.

BIG HARD WORD SQUARE

Altogether 15 readers correctly identified all 36 words and phrases hidden in issue 21's BIG HARD WORD SQUARE. The winner and runners up were therefore drawn out of a hat. And the lucky lady carrying away our fantastic first prize is Debbie Godfrey of London. She picks up a Laurel and Hardy video, a Viz T-shirt, a Frankie Goes To Hollywood LP, two dozen 'King Size' Mars Bars, 20 Rothmans filter cigarettes and a one-and-a-half pint packet of Spring Vegetable soup.

The three unlucky runners up are Michael Neary of Solihull, Jim Bishop of Ealing and Stephen McLurgh of Solihull. They each pick up a Viz Comic T-shirt. The extremely unlucky runners up who don't win anything are Marty Cummins of Salisbury, Nick Greenwood of Warwickshire, Dave Todd of Salisbury, Mark Williams of Cambridge, Chris Page of Enfield, Bryan Roberts of Edinburgh, Jo Tinning of Plymouth, Stephen Russel of Hextable, Richard Hare of Chigwell, Nick Canner of Liversedge and Andrew Otner of Leeds.

RUDE WORDS

The winners of our Rude Word Competition in issue 22 were Martin X from Peterborough, Anon. from Bolton, Judy X from Scunthorpe, Mr. P. of London W11, G.M. of Rotherham and A.W. from Reading, Berks. The winning rude word appears in this issue's 'Rude Kid'. All the rude words which we received have now been destroyed.

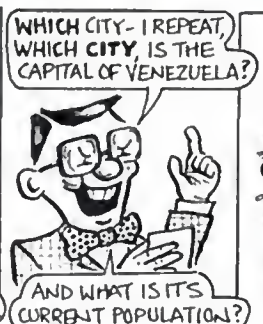



We had scores of entries in our FLESH FOR LULU competition. And LULU was of course the Scottish singer who's name we wanted. But many of you weren't so sure about the capital of Scotland. Suggestions ranged from Aberdeen to Inverness, and Falkirk was a firm favourite for many of you. One reader even suggested Cardiff. But the answer was of course Edinburgh, as Helen Diamont of Manchester was quick to point out. A girl who obviously knows her geography, the six albums are on their way to her.



Not surprisingly the winner of our Manchester orientated competition in the last issue comes from that area. He is Andy Collier of Denton in Manchester, a man who obviously knows his Manchester orientated facts, and he picks up A CERTAIN RATIO's compact disc album.

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